

commercial enterprises in communications, technology, medicine, and many other fields, lies the dream and the ingenuity of the inventor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in honor of the important role played by inventors in promoting progress in the useful arts and in recognition of the invaluable contribution of inventors to the welfare of our people, designate February 11, 1974, as National Inventors' Day. I call upon the people of the United States to join in observing National Inventors' Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities honoring the important role played by inventors in promoting progress in useful arts and in recognition of their invaluable contribution to our welfare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4267

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February 7, 1974

Save Your Vision Week, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Most of us, rarely, pause to think about how or why we see. Many of us give little thought to the care of our eyes. But the importance of good vision cannot be overstated. Even though most people retain effective vision throughout their lives, eyesight can deteriorate at any moment.

Yet within our grasp is the knowledge and means to help us combat even very serious vision problems. This is possible because of the skills of our Nation's optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, and allied health professionals as well as the Nation's scientists who conduct research on vision problems assisted by Federal support from the National Eye Institute and by many private organizations.

To focus the Nation's attention on the importance of good vision and upon ways of preserving and improving it, the Congress by a joint resolution approved December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 629), requested the Presi-

dent to proclaim the first full week in March of each year as Save Your Vision Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of March 3, 1974, as Save Your Vision Week. I urge optometrists, physicians, and government and private agencies concerned to inform every American of the need to protect the precious gift of vision.

I invite the Governors of the States and appropriate local government officials to support Save Your Vision Week activities and I call upon the Nation's mass communications media to join in encouraging all Americans to heed the message of Save Your Vision Week—to preserve good vision and to enhance the joy of seeing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

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National Poison Prevention Week, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

While there has been a significant reduction in the number of deaths among young children as a result of poisoning, poisoning still remains one of the most common medical emergencies involving children.

The reductions which have been accomplished over the years have largely been the result of cooperation among the medical, pharmaceutical, dental, nursing, and allied professions; Federal, State, and local government agencies, community organizations; and private industry. New Federal laws, including the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 have also played an important part in this achievement.

We must continue to use every possible preventive measure to further reduce poisoning as a threat to the health of all Americans. To help call attention to this effort, the Congress, in a joint resolution approved

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